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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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	:	Group Art Unit: UNASSIGNED
Application No.: 10/644,856)	
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Sir:

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These documents were recently cited in the attached European Search Report, issued in a foreign counterpart application on December 8, 2003.

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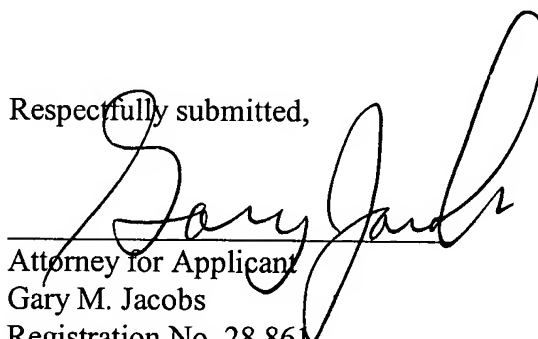
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Respectfully submitted,

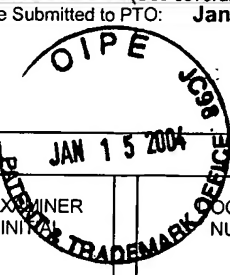


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	4-12378	1/16/92	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
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